

# The Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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An ARRL Special Service Club

Next Meeting: February 10

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WORDS FROM THE PREZ BY PAUL, WB6SHR

Say, it was great seeing alot of you at the January club meeting. We had a good program and an excellent turn out. I thought the program on Amateur Fast Scan Television was just super! We owe a big hand to Roger Steyaert, K7RXV, for setting the program up. I would not mind seeing more programs like that this year. Don't you agree?

Talking about programs... There was a board meeting on January 20 where we discussed the club budget and social programs. There is a real concern as to how the club is going to fund these activities this year. It seems our club budget is tighter than last year's because we do not have money coming in from Sea-Pac. Even though there will be a national convention, OTVARC will not see any of that money until the end of the year, if then. That means we will have to tighten our belts a little because club dues basically cover the cost of the Newsletter, insurance, office supplies (paper, stamps, etc.) and a couple of other operating expenses.

Without getting into a detailed explanation, the club officers voted to keep the remaining 1987 Sea-Pac funds (approximately \$2400) in a reserved savings account and only use that money to balance the budget if our fund raisers do not generate enough money to cover this year's expenses.

What does all this mean? In general terms, it means our social programs will have to be trimmed back a little; the members who do participate might have to pay something to cover the cost of supplies and food at those activities. Hopefully, our fund raisers like the raffle programs, tupperware party and other similar events will be a big success and the impact to our social programs will be minimal.

If you have constructive ideas or comments about the club's social programs, the way they are run or how to trim our expenses, the club officers would like to hear from you. Please bring your comments to the next board meeting (March 2) or discuss your concerns with an officer. We need your input. Copies of the approved budget will be at the next club meeting. See you then.

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**A REMINDER: NOVICE ROUNDUP / SPECIAL EVENT STATION FEB 13 - 19**

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## A BRIEF EDITORIAL BY JEFF, K7JF

As you can see from the layout of this month's Newsletter, things were picked up in a bit of a panic towards the last week in January. Our Newsletter editor Lorna, KA7RFD was called back to England to attend to emergency family business. We wish Lorna and family well and bid her a safe and speedy return to OTVARC land.

Just prior to the call from home, Lorna was frantically compiling articles and news for this February issue. With only two days notice Paul and I jumped in to get something put together that vaguely resembles our monthly "tried and true." After all, the show must go on (somehow!)

Thanks for bearing with me as I quickly type and layout the Newsletter. If it's any consolation, we all can look forward to better reading next month.

## OTVARC TRAVELERS AND OTHER SOCIAL MATTERS BY BOBBI ANTONS

The wet weather didn't dampen the spirits of the travelers at the January campout. Six families showed up at Fort Stevens for the weekend. Hail storms and the lack of a meeting room made it necessary to cancel the potluck dinner usually held on Saturday night.

The February 19-21 trip will be to the Lewis River R. V. Park at Woodland, Washington. Take I-5 North to Lewis River Road (Highway 503). A golf course is located next door and the park has a store and shower house. Full hook-ups are also available. Please let us know if you can join us for the weekend. It's a very pretty campground right on the Lewis River.

The club plans to have two fundraisers in 1988. The first will begin at the February meeting and then a tupperware party in April; similar to the one held successfully last year. New catalogs, order forms and cover letters about our club will be available at the next club meeting. Please plan to pick up a book or two and show them to your neighbors, friend and relatives. Tell them about our club, our fundraising plans, and give them the opportunity to place an order with you. We are hoping this will be even more successful than last year; with your support it will certainly be.

The second fundraiser will be a giant garage sale to be held at Pat and Stan Griffiths (KA7UFG/W7NI) home on July 29-31. Please start saving items now or call me, Pat or Marvel, KA7TZT to have them picked up. Mention this fundraiser to your neighbors and friends. We can help them with their spring cleaning! If you would be available at any time on the weekend of the garage sale to help out, please let us know.

Our first Dine Out Night for 1988 will be held on Saturday, February 27 at the Cattle Company restaurant on Cedar Hills Blvd. in Beaverton at 5:00 PM. We have reserved an area large enough for 60-70 people to dine together. Please let me, Pat or Marvel know if you can join us for dinner. Everyone had such a great time at the last Dine Out Night. Don't miss this one!

## FEBRUARY MEETING PROGRAM BY JOHN, K7SHC

Rush Drake, W7RM our ARRL Northwest Division Director will report on the annual Board of Directors meeting. New officers were elected as many items of business were discussed.

Included in Rush's presentation will be plans for the 1992 World Amateur Radio Conference, marketing of ham radio and recent DX Advisory Committee decisions.

## NEW MEMBERS CORNER BY KATHRYN, KA7UMB

Welcome to our new members for the very first month of 1988, including:

Carl Clawson, N7KBV, Advanced. Carl is a Physicist at Tektronix, working with integrated circuits. He is married to Kathy and they have a ten month old daughter, Alice. Carl has been interested in ham radio for over ten years, but received his first license in November, 1987. When I called, Carl was making his first HF contact with Maryland. Other hobbies include photography, astronomy, experimenting with electronics and home beer brewing.

Dick Booth, N7DLN, General. Dick is a manufacturing engineer with Electro Scientific Industries. He is married to Joyce and they have four children; one is still living at home. Dick has had his ham license off and on since high school. Hobbies include beachcombing, fishing and other outdoor activities. He was at last month's meeting and found it very interesting, although it was a little difficult to get involved as he knew no one there.

Hector Langdon, KC7VK, Advanced. Is married to Louise, N7FKY. Hector retired from the U. S. Forest Service where he was involved in engineering work. Although being interested in ham radio since being a kid, Hector received his first license in 1973, mainly because he was building a sailboat at the time. He has been sailing for about the past nine years.

Mark Latham, KB6TWZ, Novice, recently transferred from California to Oregon. He is employed by Tektronix as a software applications engineer. Mark became interested in hamming when he was working with kids in a recreational center, as well as Civil Air Patrol, both in California. Other hobbies include backpacking, camping, photography and competitive pistol shooting.

We are pleased that you all have joined us, and we all welcome you on board.

Editor's note: This marks the end of Kathryn's very successful writing tenure for the Newsletter. We all thank you Kathryn for your two years of help to add a personal touch to our monthly issues. In the meantime, we are looking for another member to continue with this series. Any takers?



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